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Title Generation and Validation of Short Digital Signatures with Implicit Message Embedding

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED 8/23/07 AND
AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION**

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Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response

[0001] In an in person interview (on Nov. 13, 2007), Examiner Gee and I discussed the §112 ¶1 rejections, distinctions between the claims and the cited art, and potential claim amendments.

[0002] This brief summary is not intended to represent the Applicant's full response to the Action. Rather, it is merely a brief summary of selected substantive portions of the response herein.

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